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Examiner: D. Ruhl

Title: ARTICLE HAVING A LOTIONED TOPSHEET

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE & AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendments and consider the above-identified application in view of the accompanying remarks and amendments. Claims 1, 4-7, 9-13, and 16-26 remain pending.

AMENDMENT

Please delete Claims 2, 3, 8, 14, and 15.

1. (4 times amended) A disposable article comprising:

- A) a liquid impervious backsheet;
- B) a liquid pervious, hydrophilic topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward an interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of a wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount to reduce adherence of bowel movements to the skin of the wearer of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin; and
- C) an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet;

wherein the lotion is applied to the liquid pervious topsheet in a predetermined pattern such that macroscopic regions of the topsheet are untreated and the topsheet has a percent open area of from about 5% to about 99%.

4. The disposable article of Claim 1 wherein the percent open area of the topsheet is from about 5% to about 95%.

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